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Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby submit information which may be considered material to patentability of this application. This information is listed on the accompanying form.

Copies of documents 1-17, which are listed on the accompanying form, PTO/SB/08A, have not been submitted since submission of copies of U.S. patents and U.S. patent applications is no longer required under 37 CFR 1.98.

Copies of documents 18 and 19, which are also listed on PTO/SB/08A, are enclosed herewith.

The enclosed documents may have markings thereon. Applicants are not presently aware of the source of those markings, and no significance is meant to be attached thereto.

Applicants respectfully request that these documents be fully considered by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application and printed on any patent which may issue on this application. Applicants also respectfully request that a copy of PTO/SB/08A (1 page), submitted herewith, as considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned to the undersigned with the next communication.

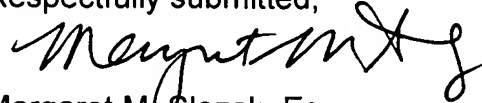
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It is believed that this disclosure complies with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. If for any reason the Examiner considers otherwise, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be contacted by the Examiner by telephone in order that any deficiencies may be expeditiously remedied.

This information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR 1.114. No certification or fee is believed to be required, however, should the Examiner determine that any fees are due in connection with this submission, please charge the same to Deposit Account No. 16-0221.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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